

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The Examiner has objected to the abstract. Accordingly, please replace the existing abstract with the abstract attached as attachment A.

Please amend the following claim of priority on page 1:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of GERMAN Application No. 199 28 448.2 filed on 23 JUNE 1999. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. ~~§120~~ 371 of PCT/DE00/01623 filed on 19 MAY 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.

Please add the following paragraph on page 1 following the above claim of priority:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the following paragraph starting on page 1, line 2:

The invention concerns a ring filter made of star-shaped folded filtering material, ~~according to the preamble of patent claim 1.~~

Please amend paragraph 4 on page 1 as follows:

This problem is solved by the implementation of a ring filler
~~according to the preamble according to the characterizing~~
~~features of patent claim 1 described below.~~

Please add the following paragraph on page 1 after the above
amended paragraph:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following on page 2, before paragraph 5 which
starts on line 26 of page 2:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add the following paragraph on page 3 line 8:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION